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SUBJECT: NDP MARCHES IN KWANGJU

1. NDP RESUMED EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITY DEC. 20, TWO DAYS AFTER CLOSE 1974 ASSEMBLY SESSION. KIM PRESIDED AT A "CEREMONY" IN KWANGJU CONVERTING NDP LOCAL PARTY HEADQUARTERS INTO "CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION CENTER." AT CEREMONY HE GAVE A SPEECH DEMANDING THAT PRESIDENT PARK REVISE CONSTITUTION AND THEN STEP DOWN.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY ABOUT 100 NDP MEMBERS, LED BY KIM YONG-SAM, KIM HYONG-IL AND YI CHUNG:CHAE BEGAN STREET MARCH CHANTING FOR "REPEAL OF DICTATORSHIP CONSTITUTION". RIOT POLICE DISPERSED CROWD WITH PEPPER SPARY AND TOOK ASSEMBLYMEN BACK TO THEIR HOTEL IN JEEPS.

3. RADIO REPORT LATER IN DAY ESTIMATED 50 MEMBERS DISABLED VETERANS ASSOCIATION ASSAULTED NDP HEADQUARTERS, TORE DOWN NEWLY HUNG SIGN, THEN MARCHED TO HOTEL HOUSING NDP ASSEMBLYMEN AND DEMANDED THAT KIN YONG-SAM WITHDRAW HIS REMARKS WHICH THEY CLAIMED "AIDED THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENEMY". NDP SPOKESMAN HAS LABELED THIS ACTION A MOVE

BY ROKG TO FALSELY DISCREDIT NDP.

4. USIS BRANCH PAO REPORTS THAT AREA AROUND NDP HEADQUARTERS WAS BLOCKED OFF BY HUNDREDS OF RIOT POLICE, PREVENTING MOST OF LARGE CROWD FROM ENTERING AREA.

5. NDP ASSEMBLYMAN HAS TOLD US THAT NEXT RALLY SCHEDULED DEC. 27 FOR TAEGU. HOWEVER, OPPOSITION ASSEMBLYMEN FROM SOUTH KYONGSANG PROVINCE, SUCH AS SIN TO-HWAN, HAVE REFUSED TO SUPPORT KIM AND THAT AS A RESULT TAEGU RALLY MAY NOT GENERATE MUCH LOCAL SUPPORT.
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